

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A method of transferring a powder mineral coating onto articles having skew surfaces, the method comprising the steps of applying a powder mineral coating on the articles, which powder mineral coating is carried by a transfer support that has a pyrolysis temperature lower than a melting temperature of the powder mineral coating, the powder mineral coating itself having a sealing temperature lower than the pyrolysis temperature of the transfer support, and then of subjecting articles coated in this way to the melting temperatures of the powder mineral coating[.], wherein the transfer support is partially withdrawn prior to subjecting the articles to a rise in temperature.

2. (Cancelled).